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News Briefs

Mobility bag policy

To minimize risk of items getting stolen or lost, wing members issued mobility bags from the war readiness section for temporary duty or deployment must return all items to building 103 on the first day of return to their duty section. No appointment is necessary. For more information call the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron War Readiness Section at 452-7115.

Washrack conversion

The 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron washrack operations will be converted to contract as a result of the Office of Management and Budget circular A-76, which began in November. The decision was reached Dec. 11 after comparing the costs of the selected competing contractor (Starlight Corporation of Honolulu, HI) with the current operating costs. The Administrative Appeal Process is not applicable to direct conversions. Contractor phase-in is scheduled to begin Feb. 1 with the contract implemented March 1. The first performance period of the contract is eight months with four option years.

Anthrax vaccination update

The Department of Defense resumed anthrax vaccinations to service members Jan. 7. This vaccination program is key to the health and safety of U.S. servicemembers. Call the 52nd Medical Group Immunization Clinic at 452-8382 for more information.

Retraining program

Air Force officials have announced the start of the 2004 fiscal year NCO retraining program. The program targets about 1,100 NCOs to retrain from career fields with overages to fields with shortages. The voluntary phase of the program runs from Jan. 5 through Feb. 23. Members can log on to vMPF to see where they are ranked Air Force wide and which AFSCs will be affected. To apply, send an e-mail to 52mss.classretrain@spangdahlem.af.mil or call Tech. Sgt. Ricky Hunt at 452-4177 for an appointment.

Well equipped

Program HAS what it takes to land maintainers the right tools to keep wing aircraft off the ground.

Read "Combat Flightline improvements get maintainers tools to succeed," on Page 4



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Airman 1st Class Jesse Dettman, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron structural maintenance apprentice, gathers items on a deployment assembly line this past summer. To help wing members and families "in the know" airmen will soon carry Aerospace Expeditionary Force ID cards bearing their AEF assignment.

AEF ID cards mandatory wear

Battle rhythm awareness critical to air, space power effectiveness

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Following heavy tasking in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, wing leadership and 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Readiness Flight officials are re-emphasizing awareness of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force assignment rhythm with a new wing procedure.

Squadron commanders will issue all deployable wing members to 52nd Fighter Wing AEF identification cards indicating their AEF assignment. According to Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, airmen will carry one on their person and keep one in their personnel readiness folder.

"This program not only reinforces Spangdahlem Air Base's battle posture, but is an excellent way to keep our people and their families in the know about deployment commitments," the brigadier general select said.

Capt. Andre Johnson, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron readiness flight commander and installation deployment



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America's airmen get the job done with commitment

By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- People, aircraft and a commitment to core values have kept U.S. Air Forces in Europe's top leader in the Air Force more than 31 years, and these same attributes will continue to be the bedrock of the military's success, Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, said recently.

The integrity, commitment to excellence and service before self of America's airmen

have been inspirational, he said.

"I came in the Air Force 31 years ago, and had every intention of getting out after four years," said the general, who holds a doctorate in chemical engineering. "I thought it would be pretty exciting to be in the chemical engineering business. But I fell in love with 480 knots and wearing G-suits, and I just never got over it."



"I also enjoy talking with our airmen, and I've found that they're incredible," said the general, who is a firm believer in keeping grounded and remembering where he came from. "They do an unbelievable job for us, and they hardly ask for anything. So I love people who put service before self. As a result of that, I've stuck around this great institution of ours for a long time now and I've had a great time doing it."

His love for America's airmen became more prevalent after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"I was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and like everyone else, my life changed forever ... this was, in a sense, my generation's Pearl Harbor," the general said. "I couldn't be more proud of how the U.S. Air Force responded over the last couple of years. When the President issued his call for arms, without any doubts, our Air Force stepped forward with great strength. I'm incredibly proud of the initiatives and dedication (of our

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Inattention, speed cause airmen harm, vehicle loss

By **Iain Lotan**
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in 51 car crashes this past week. Nine were major.

Also, security forces saved lives by stopping an airman for driving erratically on L-46. The airman failed all sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence. The airman faces a minimum one-year driving suspension.

The first major crash occurred on L-34 when a staff sergeant struck a deer. The vehicle was totaled and there were no injuries.

There was a second major smash-up on A-64. A civilian vehicle was traveling too fast for conditions and the driver lost control when he hit a patch of black ice. There were no injuries.

Third major crash happened on B-50 when a family member was traveling too fast for conditions. Her car began to slide and spun 180 degrees before slamming into a brick wall. There were no injuries.

The fourth major smash-up occurred on A-60. A civilian vehicle was traveling too fast for conditions and the driver lost control when his vehicle encountered a patch of ice, which resulted in the car slamming into a guardrail. The car

was totaled and there were no injuries.

The fifth major crash took place on B-50. A family member reached for his salad that fell off the passenger seat and drove his vehicle into a tree. Inattentive driving was cause and the car was totaled for a salad.

Sixth vehicle smash occurred on A60. A staff sergeant traveling 120 kilometers per hour passed a truck and hit ice. The vehicle hit a guardrail and the embankment. The car was totaled, with improper passing as the cause.

The seventh major crash was on B-50. A senior airman pulled in front of a car, which resulted in both cars smashing into each other. The airman was issued a ticket for failure to yield and causing an accident.

The eighth major crash was on Arnold Boulevard. A civilian pulled in front of an airman's car, which resulted both cars colliding. The airman was transported to the emergency room and the airman's car was totaled. The other vehicle sustained disabling damage.

The ninth major crash was on A-60. An airman first class swerved to avoid an animal and smacked the guardrail. The vehicle was totaled. The airman was transported to the hospital.

Feel the need for speed?

What: Single vehicle crash while driving home

When: Jan. 14 at 12:20 p.m.

Where: On A-60 between Badem and B-51 Bitburg exit

Why: Swerved to avoid hitting wildlife



Tech. Sgt. Bonnie White

Bottom line: Slow down and buckle up!

Information courtesy of the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office

AEF

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officer, said the AEF rotation card concept was patterned after that of the 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and customized to fit Spangdahlem AB's needs.

The captain added that though the cards are not required per Air Force Instructions 10-400, AEF Planning, implementation of the program has a viable use at the wing.

"Each airman has a specific role and purpose assigned to an AEF bucket through the transition of a (permanent installation) force to an expeditionary force," the flight commander said.

With this shift in mind, the captain said eventually all active-duty deployable airmen will be affected.

Internal procedures to implement the program are at the discretion of squadron commanders, who will assess budgeting for materials and issuing. Units are to complete their issue prior to the start of the wing's AEF 7/8 commitment in March. Captain Johnson said he recognizes executing the new policy will be a formidable task.

"For some of the larger organizations, this will be a time-consuming process," the officer said. "However, we have provided a sample format that should cut down on some of the time it takes to produce the cards and issue them to members."

The card is double-sided and on the front lists the member's rank and name, unit, unit type code and AEF assignment. Individuals within the squadrons should be assigned to UTCs, which identify an Armed Forces unit. Within the UTC the mission capabilities statement provides a description of the combat capabilities the UTC provides.

The back of the card indicates the cycle and the month range for each AEF. Beneath that is the AEFC Web site, <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/aefonline/main.asp>, a page built by the AEFC to provide answers to frequently asked questions, AEF schedules, and other bits of information dealing with AEF deployments.

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Air Force)." This dedication to excellence is also shared within USAFE, said General Foglesong.

"Our goal in USAFE is to be a part of this incredible team that we call the United States Air Force," he said. "We have contributed over here in the same way that every other major command has -- we've provided tanker support, tactical airlift support and we've provided fighter support -- our people have responded all across the world this past year. We're ready, trained and we're motivated to go do the job our president has asked us to do. My perspective up to this point is one of great pride as to how everyone has responded, and continues to on a day-to-day basis."

When looking ahead to the New Year, it's important that USAFE's airmen remember the command's vision, mission and goals, the general said.

"I think if you'll look at our vision, it probably says it all," General Foglesong said. "We want to be leading the world's most respected expeditionary all-purpose Air Force. That's a mouthful, but all we want to do is be in front of what the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force ask. When they ask us to respond in some way, we would like to be on the leading-edge for them. That's our vision."

"Our mission is pretty simple," the general



Airman Stacy Jonsgaard

Staff Sgt. Claude Keller, 52nd Communications Squadron technical controller, checks base phone lines during exercise Harley Saber Dec. 16. Such exercises ensure the base meets command goals by being "fit to fight; postured to respond."

continued. I've eliminated all of the acronyms, so that everybody in USAFE - Airman Foglesong up to General Foglesong and everybody in between -- understands what our mission is. We all need to know that our mission is to be ready to fight; postured to respond; and provide incredible services to these incredible people we have over here.

"We have now developed what I affectionately refer to as Combat and Special Interest Programs that will allow us to operationalize that mission," he said. "There are 12 special

programs and initiatives that we've put together to work on the morale of our people, readiness for our people and services for our people -- they are all initiatives that commanders would like to have available. They're the right things to do, and it allows us to put some discipline and focus as to how we're going to dedicate our resources over the next year."

Once such program is Combat Fitness, which fits right in line with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Fit to Fight Program.

"This program ties all of the different initiatives for fitness under one umbrella, so it can be engineered and advocated in the right way," said the general.

Another program called Combat Flightline is dedicated to enhancing the readiness of not only the most important aspect of our flightline -- our people -- but also our equipment, General Foglesong said.

"I could go on and tell you about all of the programs, but you get a sense of what I'm talking about. In order to operationalize that mission I referred to earlier - being ready to fight; postured to respond; and providing great services --- we've now identified these programs as the most logical way to get there," he said. "I would expect us to continue down the path of working to enhance these programs. And I'm very sure if we're called on, we'll be ready to do whatever the President asks us to do."

As for the future ...

"One of these days I'll be sitting in a rocking chair on a porch at our ranch in Red Lodge, Montana, and I'll still be telling people that we're the world's most inspirational Air Force to our friends, and we're the world's most intimidating Air Force to our enemies," General Foglesong said. "We have people with incredible courage. We have people who lay their lives on the line for this great nation of ours every day."



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Tech. Sgt. William Bullock, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron unit mobility NCOIC, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

performance, thoughtfulness, concern and compassion for unit members. This was most evident when he personally welcomed back all equipment maintenance squadron members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Simply put, Sergeant Bullock "steps into the blue" everyday.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Outdoor recreation center, youth programs and Boy Scout volunteer.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy the outdoors, riding horses and traveling.

What do you like about being station here? The opportunities for travel and the unique people that I have met.

What one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see an improvement of people's attitudes, particularly those in customer-service jobs. Each person's positive attitude directly combats any negativity present at Spangdahlem Air Base. This simple adjustment can help all members get through their tour with a smile!

Top Saber Performer

Name: Tech. Sgt. William Bullock
Unit: 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Duty Title: Unit mobility NCOIC

Hometown: Glasgow, Mont.

Years in service: 15

Nominee's contribution to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:

Sergeant Bullock's performance, both military and professionally, is nothing short of outstanding, said his supervisor Master Sgt. Brian Adams. He took Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong's "One-Stop Processing Concept" a step further during Air Expeditionary Force Blue processing when he planned and conducted a combined equipment and aircraft maintenance squadron, mass-vaccination and health-assessment program for deployment swap outs. This NCOIC is more importantly known for his outstanding professional per-

Wing honors top achievements

Team Eifel congratulates **Lt. Col. John Martins** Allied Forces North Europe, Brunssum, Netherlands, for his promotion to colonel. The promotion list was released Wednesday.

The 52nd Fighter Wing recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements in 2003:

52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

CGO: **Capt. Michael Beasley**; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Michael Smith**; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. David Hilton**; airman: **Senior Airman Steve Zarecki**

52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

SNCO: **Master Sgt. John Yates**, NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Guy B. Hamilton Jr.**, airman: **Senior Airman Edwin Bridges**

52nd Medical Group

CGO: **Capt. Katherine Ellis**, SNCO: **Master Sgt. John Zgonina**, NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Danta Pawa**, airman: **Airman 1st Class Melissa King**, mid-level civilian: **Elisabeth Davis**; junior-level civilian:

Monika Salter, health care provider: **Jennifer Hunt**

52nd Medical Operations Squadron

CGO: **Capt. Katherine Ellis**, SNCO: **Master Sgt. Reginald Dollard**; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Rolando Guerrero**; airman: **Airman 1st Class Autumn Devine**; civilian: **Pamela Salvio**

52nd Security Forces Squadron

CGO: **Capt. Beverly Baker**, SNCO: **Master Sgt. Rickley Berry**; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Timothy Bruton**; airman: **Airman 1st Class Nicole Yazzie**; civilian: **Michael Schweizer**

Chiefs vs. Eagles Scholarship

The following individuals recently won \$100 scholarships:

Staff Sgts. Heather Curtis Sommerdyke, 52nd AMXS; **Khalisha Savage**, 52nd MDOS; **Kevin Sword**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Senior Airman Sean Neill**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; and **Airman 1st Class Kristen Grove**, 52nd CS. (Compiled from staff reports)

Eifel Salutes

52nd Operations Group

Movers and shakers were "Stingers" **Tech. Sgt. Freddie Smith**, **Staff Sgts. Maureen Badey**, **Scott Chamberlain**, **Chandra Kirby** and **Patrick Roberts**, who ensured almost 1,000 pounds of equipment and furniture items were packed up and moved out, which cleared valuable space for other projects. Let's schedule a salute for **Airman 1st Class Miranda Durant**, whose tireless efforts as assistant scheduler make her an invaluable member of the team. **Cindy Specht** and **Capt. Chris Kopacek** put in extra time and effort to make the Hawk holiday party unforgettable.

"Server" a salute! **Senior Airman Tasha Pitts** is part of the outstanding 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron information management team -- she's kept the squadron in the know on the new server while moving 22 file plans through a challenging process.

52nd Maintenance Group

Tech. Sgt. James Stanford qualifies for a salute for training personnel on the A-10 and F-16 training process and increasing the section's qualifications by 80 percent. Smokin'! **Master Sgts. Kevin Lord** and **Lynn Martin** diligently worked with contracting and the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron to ensure safe installation of the fire and hydrazine detection systems equipment in the maintenance facility. Struttin' his stuff is **Airman 1st Class Tyler Berensen**, who identified a cracked F-16 main landing gear strut lock ring. His section's efforts ensured aircrew safety.

52nd Medical Group

You bet **Tina Betzen** deserves a salute for aggressively tackling demanding assignments and producing quality results for the 52nd Dental Squadron. An ounce of prevention is worth a salute for **Tech. Sgt. Michael Panfil**



and **Master Sgt. Dwayne Atkinson**, who streamlined customer service for Preventative Health Assessments in the family practice clinic. Hats off to **Senior Airman Christopher Pogozelski**, who earned an extra stripe during the January 2004 enlisted supplemental promotion release. The dental squadron salutes **Airman**

1st Class Stephen Pasion, who has a real passion for his job. Scout's honor for **Col. James Glaess**, who organized lodging, transportation and more for boy scouts in the Battle of the Bulge march in Bastogne.

52nd Mission Support Group

Let's hear it for **Airman 1st Class Shaun Merrill**, who scored a 94 percent on his Career Development Course exam. He receives a three-day pass and his supervisor **Staff Sgt. Rodney Landry**, receives a one-day pass. Distribute salutes for the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Distribution flight's **Herbert Plein**, **Rudolf Wallerang**, **Norbert Dingles** and **Walter Hargarten**, who led the way in handling the 23rd Fighter Squadron's weapons training deployment. During New Year's holiday, they marshaled and loaded 88 pieces -- 150 tons -- of aircraft support equipment aboard 23 tractor-trailers.

Department of Defense Dependent Schools

A big thanks to **Wayne Phillips**, **Pete Vadney** and **Dan Vasquez** who volunteered at the Bitburg High School basketball game officials' table this past weekend. **Jordan Matthews**, **Katie Castro** and **Aerial East** hit a heartfelt note by singing the National Anthem. A sharp salute to the **BHS ROTC color guard** for presenting the flag.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Members of the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Mobility Section make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Mobility Section

Unit responsibilities: Unit deployment managers work directly for the installation deployment officer in unit deployment planning and execution. The team ensures that war fighters and their equipment are ready to go when called.

Members: Five

How does the team fit into the 52d Fighter Wing's mission? During contingencies, deployments or exercise the team plans, schedules and coordinates the execution of all cargo preparation, packing and movement. It coordinates with other wing agencies on related deployment matters to deploy any or all of about 540 squadron members with all the required equipment. The team identifies and reports personnel, equipment status changes and limiting factors to the squadron commander and other base agencies. **Team's contributions throughout the year?** During the past twelve months, the team planned, scheduled and coordinated the movement of 160-plus members and executed the preparation, packing and movement of 323 tons of equipment for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The team has processed 579 members for temporary duty tours, contingency operations and exercises along with 582 tons of equipment to date.

Wanted -- Hidden Heroes!



Volunteers needed at Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex schools, offices and support facilities! Call the family support center at 452-9491 for details.



HAS potential! Renovated aircraft shelters enhance wing mission Combat Flightline improvements get maintainers tools to succeed

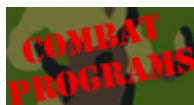
By Maj. Jacqueline Mongeon
52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Maintenance Operations Unit

The latest Combat Program, Combat Flightline has come in for a landing.

What is it and what does it mean to Team Eifel? Combat Flightline is designed to enhance flying operations by ensuring the right people are in the right jobs with the right resources.

The right people in the right jobs means simply: Combat Flightline ensures aircraft maintainers maximize their potential by putting them on the flightline in their core specialty generating aircraft and training fellow airmen. Training will also be provided in a timely manner by focusing on formal and on-the-job training programs.

With the right resources means ensuring the aircraft, flightline and adjacent facilities present a professional and standardized appearance. This enhances wing maintainers' ability to perform their duties. Crews have been working diligently to clean up flightline areas and complete self-help projects to enhance the work environment. In addition, Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, has provided funding for hardened aircraft shelter refurbishment that provides for an increased number of light banks and paint; waterproofing of the exterior walls to prevent water leaks and aircraft and equipment damage; and new crew shacks that create shelter from the elements during the harsh winter weather. Thirteen shelters to date have been refurbished and 47 new crew shacks have been installed.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
Above, Airman 1st Class Aaron LeFebvre, 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons technician and Staff Sgt. Rob Jackson, facility manager and crew chief, sweep up one of the wing's completed Hardened Aircraft Shelters. All HAS' will be outfitted with computers, phones and new lighting to create an ideal work environment for Team Eifel crew chiefs and maintainers. Right, Sergeant Jackson logs an entry on an inspection checklist which ensures the HAS is fully operational.



Progressed will be tracked in terms of providing safe, reliable maintenance to the 52nd FW with a "back to basics" approach. Each maintenance workcenter will display metrics that reflect their contribution to the wing goal of "training to fight, win and be ready." In addition, a new electronic sortie scoreboard will be installed near the bowling center traffic

circle that displays current monthly sorties contracted and sorties flown to date.

Wing maintainers work hard to provide reliable aircraft to maximize our training and ability to fight. Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, said their diligent work efforts "ensure we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere."

Scammed: Legal advises members how to prevent falling victim to hoaxes

By Tech. Sgt. Tracy Warga
52nd Fighter Wing Legal Office

It's waiting in the e-mail box -- an urgent request from the son of an assassinated Nigerian chief pleading for someone to assist him in recovering millions of dollars that have been tied up by bureaucratic red tape in an African bank. Whoever helps will be rewarded a large percentage of the money, millions of dollars, just for helping out.

Many trusting Americans have lost millions of dollars to these Nigerian scams, also known as 4-1-9 or advance fee fraud schemes. Many Americans have also lost their identity.

"What the recipients really want is personal information, so they can create a large data base which will later be culled or farmed out for the purpose of identity theft," said Maj. Joshua Kastenber, 52nd Fighter Wing deputy staff judge advocate

According to the Department of Justice, identity theft is the fastest growing crime, and it is liable to trap two percent of Americans on an annual basis.

"Once a victim, it is very hard to clear credit," said Major Kastenber. "I saw clients who were dogged by negative

credit reports for years, and it even affected their credit ratings."

With scams like the Nigerian e-mail, a victim receives an e-mail from an alleged "official" representing a royal family, government agency or bank. The letter states that help is needed to transfer millions of dollars from an African bank to your personal bank account, thus "releasing" it from wrongdoers. In many cases, the victim is encouraged to travel to Nigeria or a border country, provide the con artists with blank letterhead and bank account information and pay a number of "transaction fees."

The U.S. Secret Service warns that if a victim is lured to Nigeria or a border country to complete the deal, he may be coerced or threatened with bodily harm into releasing even more funds. In June 1995, an American was killed in Lagos, Nigeria, after getting involved in this type of scam, and numerous other foreign nationals are reportedly missing.

As the scheme becomes more widespread, military members and their families are being targeted. In November 2002, a Nigerian scam e-mail was sent directly to a 52nd FW member's official

military inbox. Intrigued by the offer, he contacted the legal office before responding, only to find out that he was the intended target of a scam. He has not been the only target of scams.

"I had a former legal assistance client of field grade rank fall for one of these," said Major Kastenber. "The next thing he knew was that they maxed out his credit cards, emptied his accounts and mutual funds and sold his identity to third sources which then received vast credit advances. He was not liable for the credit advances, but it thoroughly destroyed his credit rating.

"I heavily encourage all people to not respond to these types of e-mails. Simply delete them. It's not worth the headache, and it will lead to more than an emptying of a person's bank account."

People who receive a suspicious e-mails should forward them to the U.S. Secret Service at uce@ftc.gov. People who have lost money to these scams should send documentation to U.S. Secret Service, Financial Crimes Division, 950 H. Street, N.W. Room 942, Washington D.C. 20223, call (202) 406-5850 or e-mail them at 419.fed@ussf.treas.gov.

DOD shares plan for military in '04 defense priorities

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The war on terrorism will remain the Defense Department's top priority in the new year, as officials continue to focus on improving and modernizing its programs, systems and forces to make them more responsive to 21st century requirements.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the department already has made "remarkable progress" and will continue its work to "strengthen, improve and transform our forces, modernize and restructure programs and commands ... and streamline DOD processes and procedures."

Secretary Rumsfeld laid out an ambitious list of initiatives, many already under way, that he said will help free the department of its Cold War-era trappings that no longer support current demands.

Create balance

Among these initiatives is the effort to rebalance the active and reserve components throughout the services. Secretary Rumsfeld said the war on terror, with its heavy use of National Guard and Reserve troops, underscores the importance of the effort.

"Our experience thus far in the global war on terror, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, has shown that we have somewhat of a Cold War mix of active and reserve forces remaining," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "And we really do need to adjust it to reflect the circumstances of the day."

Proposals being drafted by the services "will set a new balance between active and reserve that will fit the 21st century," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Also high on the agenda for 2004 is implementation of the new National Security Personnel System that took effect with passage of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, Secretary Rumsfeld said. The new law gives DOD the authority to create a new framework of rules, regulations and processes that govern the way civilians are hired, paid, promoted and disciplined within the department. The new system will replace outdated and rigid civil service rules that many said hindered DOD's ability to carry out its national security mission.

"Executed properly, the new system ... can play a key role in relieving stress on the force," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Closer look

On a broader scope, Secretary Rumsfeld said the military will continue its efforts to adjust global posture during 2004.

This initiative involves re-examining the U.S. military "footprint" in the world -- much of it the result of historic, Cold War threats that no longer exist -- and to revise them to meet current demands.

Besides those people permanently stationed at its bases worldwide, the U.S. military has thousands of servicemembers on deployments worldwide, said Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This includes roughly 125,000 in Iraq; 13,000 in Afghanistan; more than 2,000 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and more than 1,000 participating in Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Meanwhile, nearly 3,500 servicemembers are conducting stabilization operations in the Balkans, and about 1,500 are performing counterdrug operations and other training in Central and South America, General Myers said.

Secretary Rumsfeld continued to list efforts and initiatives the department will pursue in 2004.

"Going forward, we will continue to aggressively pursue the global war on terrorism, strengthening joint warfighting capabilities, transforming the joint force, strengthening our intelligence capabilities (and) strengthening our ability to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he said. (Courtesy AFPN; visit Air Force Link at www.af.mil for more Air Force news.)



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Course II refresher

The next Course II Refresher briefing takes place Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. at the base movie theater. The course is mandatory for personnel 26 and younger at their sixth month time-on-station and again at their one-year TOS. Call Tech. Sgt. David Scott at 452-7233 for details.

New shuttle schedule

The updated shuttle schedule incorporates the new Bitburg gate and the new bus stop on Arnold Boulevard in the building 189 parking lot. Schedules are posted in each shuttle shelter and on the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Intranet page. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rick Shaner at 452-6649.

Superbowl party

The Army, Air Force Exchange Service Superbowl party takes place Jan. 31 from 1-6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB BXtra. Event features prizes for the wackiest fan and armchair quarterback, and giveaways.

LRS spouses group

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron spouses group meets Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel annex, building 139. Childcare is available. Event features welcome gifts for new members. Call Karen Williams at 06561-670451 for more information.

Tax center news

The base tax center is open offer free income tax return preparation for Team Eifel members beginning Feb. 2. The office is open for scheduled appointments Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for walk-ins Tuesday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and each Saturday from Feb. 7 to March 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. Tax preparation volunteers provide walk-in service on a first-come, first-served basis. People should bring their Social Security cards, W2 forms, 2002 Income Tax Return forms, Notice of Advance Payment of Child Credit forms, 1099 forms showing interest, dividend income and other forms of income, childcare statements with detailed provider information, and documents showing proof of taxable or deductible income. Call 452-6572 for detail.

Dog training

The following dog training classes take place at the Oberweiss Pet Spa and Kennel, building 1044. Call 452-9362 from Feb. 2-16 to register. The facility is open Monday-Friday from 2-6 p.m., by appointment on weekends and holidays.

- ♦ Canine obedience, Feb. 23-March 29 from 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$60 per dog.

- ♦ Puppy socialization, Feb. 23-March 29 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per dog.

More base news

Read unit specific information on upcoming events, base policy and more in the weekly Base Bulletin on the Spangdahlem AB Intranet at [http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/Wing sites/Bulletin](http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/Wing%20sites/Bulletin).

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2015.

Family management

The 52nd Medical Group Family Advocacy agency offers parenting classes, marital counseling and new parent support groups. Call 452-8279 for details.

Anti-DUI program volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving seeks Hidden Hero volunteers to drive and operate the dispatch office on weekends and holidays. To volunteer, e-mail full name, town or residence and home phone number to aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Voting assistance

Wing members can call installation voting representatives with 2004 general election voting questions. Representatives are Maj. William McAllister at 452-8298 and Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-7410.

Volunteer tutors

Eifel region Department of Defense Dependent Schools seek Hidden Hero volunteers to help students improve their study skills. For details, call Bitburg High School at 452-9202, Bitburg Middle School at 452-9310, Bitburg Elementary School at 452-9215, Spangdahlem Middle

School at 452-7205 or Spangdahlem Elementary School at 452-6881.

Preschool get-togethers

- ♦ Children's story hour takes place each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel library, building 139. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for more information.

- ♦ A preschool playgroup meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem AB Military Family Housing, building 409-C. A playgroup meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in Bitburg Annex Temporary Living Facility 2. Call Michele Linnen at 452-8288 for more information.

- ♦ Children's story hour takes place each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library and each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Library. Children ages 2-5 are invited. Call 452-9056 for more information.

- ♦ The Play House, a facility for indoor pre-school play, is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2012.

Worship schedules change

The 52nd Fighter Wing Chapel Services worship schedule is as follows. Call 452-6711 for more information.

Catholic Mass

Spangdahlem AB: Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Bitburg Annex: Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of reconciliation

Spangdahlem AB: Saturday at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Religious education

Spangdahlem AB building 139: Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Protestant Sunday services

Spangdahlem AB: Traditional at 10:30 a.m., Korean at 1 p.m. and Sunday Night Live at 5 p.m.

Bitburg Annex: Liturgical at 8:15 a.m., contemporary at 9:30 a.m. and gospel at 1 p.m.

Religious education

Spangdahlem AB building 139: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Bitburg Annex building 2001: Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place at Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Today

- ♦ Aniela Conner and Senior Master Sgt. James Callahan missed out on pocketing the \$700 Club Eifel membership drawing this past Friday because they weren't in the Expeditionary Cockpit Lounge, Stripes Lounge or ballroom to win. Tonight's drawing takes place between 6-8 p.m. and is worth \$725.



Sunday

- ♦ Breakfast buffet from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Breakfast favorites include custom-made omelets. Cost is \$7.95 for members, \$4 for children ages 6-12. Cost for non-members is \$10.95, \$5.50 for children. Youth 5 and younger eat for free.

Tuesday

- ♦ Tantalizing Tuesday in the Stripes Lounge. Club members play billiards for free from 4-10 p.m.

Thursday

- ♦ The lunch buffet is closed for an official function. M & M's Garage is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There's a new school of thought teaching people how to save money and the environment.

Remember the three R's ...

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Separating trash from recycleable items is a unique part of being assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base. Recycling is mandatory in Germany and is therefore mandatory in on- and off-base housing.

Also, piles of trash left on the ground in front of the dumpsters not only look messy, but also prevents refuse collectors from being able to empty them. To pack more in the dumpsters, people should compact their trash and recycleables, and break down boxes before placing them in the containers.

The base environmental flight has recycling information available upon request by calling 452-6028.



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January Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	410	201	209
A-10	323	184	139

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through Jan. 19

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In the field

Nurse finds peace while tending heroes

By Major Susan M. Perry

52nd Medical Operations Squadron Anesthesia Element

(Editor's note: National Nurse Anesthetist Appreciation Week takes place Jan. 25-31. The following story offers readers an insight to the role of the Air Force anesthesiologist.)

I don't really know his name ... I just call him Carolina.

He was one of a group of Marines air evacuat-
ed to our Air Force field hospital during
Operation Iraqi Freedom. They had been diverted
to us during a terrible windstorm. Some needed
surgery; some needed a place to recover before
shipping out to the United States or back to their
units.

It was a hot April afternoon and we had just
started the first surgery when the windstorm hit
our base. I had gone into the inpatient unit to
assess a Marine scheduled for the next operation.
The nurse on the unit directed me to the wrong
cot, and that is how I met him.

He was lying there in a cot too small for his
frame and he seemed very young and very alone.
Sand caked his ears, covered his face, and the
amount of sand in his hair made it impossible to
identify its color.

"Where are you from Marine?" I asked him.

"North Carolina, Ma'am," he said with an
accent that instantly hit a familiar place in my
heart.

I smiled and said, "Hello Carolina, I'm from
North Carolina too."

For the first time since he had caught my eye,
he smiled. We talked for a while. He had been in
Iraq, sleeping in those sand bunkers we had seen
on CNN. He was in the group that took the
palaces. The things that drew us to the television
every day, he was living.

He had undergone a field appendectomy dur-
ing the conflict and that was the reason he evacu-
ated to our facility. I checked his wound and it
looked fine, so I left to interview another patient.

Later that day the medical group donated
money to go and buy the Marines some soap,

**“ Deployed heroes don’t
have family members kiss them
before they roll into the operat-
ing room or sit by their beds
and listen. But we are there to
talk with them; make sure they
know someone cares. In the
truest sense of the word, we
are their family. ”**

shampoo, underclothes and basic toiletries.
Necessity had forced them to leave their units
with only the clothes on their backs. One by one
they showered and put on clean clothes. Each of
them more appreciative than the last for a hot
shower and clean, dry socks.

It was a long day and the sand storm that had
hit our base shortly after their arrival had compli-
cated things all day. We had almost lost power to
the hospital operating room and had actually
done some minor surgical procedures in the criti-
cal care unit. Our own living quarter tents had
blown over, scattering our belongings around the
camp.

Before going to bed that night, I stopped by to
see Carolina. After having washed several layers
of sand off in the shower, he was much cleaner.
However, when I walked up to his cot, I stopped
short. His feet were outside the blanket. In my 14
years as a military nurse I had seen many
wounds, but never had I seen feet in such terrible
condition. They appeared raw, and the bottoms
looked as if a cheese grater had removed the
skin.

He saw my face and said, "Ma'am, these look
good now."

He explained that the Marines had operated in
harsh field conditions for more than a month with
little opportunity to change socks or clean their
feet. My heart wept and I felt ashamed that at
times we had complained about the living condi-
tions at our camp.

Direct Lines

School zone

Question: I am writing in
concern to excessive speed
ing in housing on base and
the safety of our grade

school children. We have had a real
problem with speeding through the
housing and school area and now
that it's a two-way street it has
become an even bigger problem.

At Ramstein Air Base they have a
sign that says, "This road is closed
to thru traffic during school hours."
We could have such a sign light up
about 30 minutes before and after
school.

If the sign is placed at the end of
building 424 and the other at the end
of building 422 it would cover all
three crosswalks. As is stands right

now, the grade school has two cross-
ing guards at the building 422 cross-
walk, but there are no signs to
instruct drivers to slow down when
school is in session.

Answer: Thank you for bring-
ing this serious issue to my
attention. The safety of our
children and residents in housing is a
top priority, and I have recently
received several complaints from
concerned parents and residents in
both of our on-base housing areas.
As a result, security forces will focus
additional patrol coverage in our res-
idential areas to stringently monitor
and enforce speed limits. In addition,
signs will be installed around the ele-
mentary school warning drivers to be
cautious for children. I would also
ask residents to remember to be good

citizens and obey the set speed lim-
its. Base rules and regulations are in
place to protect our most valuable
resources -- our people.

Registered mail pick up

Question: The registered mail
pick up hours are 10 a.m. to
4 p.m. at the Spangdahlem
Air Base post office. The
problem is that my husband works on
the flightline and must be at work
before the post office opens. He also
finishes work after the registered
mail pick up hours and rarely gets a
lunch break. I work on Bitburg
Annex weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5
p.m. and cannot get to the Spang-
dahlem AB post office before the reg-

istered mail pick up window closes at
4 p.m.

To solve this problem, can the
registered mail window be open each
Saturday or can we make a request
to have registered mail packages
sent to the Bitburg Post office for
pick up? If manning is an issue, pos-
sibly a compromise can be reached
by having the registered mail cage
stay open later one night each week?

Answer: Thank you for your
question. The Spangdahlem
AB Post Office has extend-
ed its registered mail customer serv-
ice hours until 5 p.m. each
Wednesday. Appointments are avail-
able before regular business hours
for inbound and outbound registered
mail. Call 452-7195 or 452-7182 to
schedule appointments.

Carolina had seen and done many things dur-
ing operations in Iraq and his inner turmoil
affected us both. He asked questions for which I
had no immediate answers. I left him with a
promise to think about what he asked and told
him I would be back the next morning.

That night, lying in my cot, I thought about
what Carolina had shared with me. He was look-
ing for validation that his actions were important.
He also had a choice to make. He could go home
and recover from his wounds or choose to go
back to his unit.

The next morning I went to see Carolina. He
had talked to the chaplain and psychologist and
he seemed happier. I told him I had thought
about his questions of the night before. I told him
he was a hero and so were the other Marines in
these units. I explained that their acts had saved
their fellow soldiers and helped countless Iraqi
people. Before I could ask about his decision to
return home he said, "I'm going to go back to my
unit." A short time later, Carolina did just that.

Years ago a senior nurse told me that becom-
ing a nurse anesthetist might hurt my military
career. She explained that in the anesthesia career
field there wouldn't be many opportunities for
direct patient care and that all my patients would
be asleep. This hasn't been the case at all.
Carolina reminded me of that fact.

Deployed heroes don't have family members
kiss them before they roll into the operating
room or sit by their beds and listen. But we are
there to talk with them; make sure they know
someone cares. In the truest sense of the word,
we are their family.

There are many reasons for medical profes-
sionals to leave the military-frequent deploy-
ments, lower pay than their civilian counterparts
and more military administrative duties. All these
reasons are real, but what is also real are the
moments you meet a hero and know your lives
are both better for the encounter.

So, from now on when someone asks why I
stay in the Air Force I'll tell them, "I don't real-
ly know his name ... I just call him "Carolina."

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Scary Movie 3 (PG-13)

Cindy now works as a local television reporter. While investigating mysterious crop circles, she learns of a potential alien invasion.

Saturday

Brother Bear (G)

A Native American's older brother is killed by a bear. As he attempts to avenge his brother's death, the Great Spirits transform him into a bear.

Sunday

Scary Movie 3

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Runaway Jury (PG-13)

A high-priced and ruthless jury "consultant" stops at nothing to secure a verdict on an explosive trial.

Thursday

The Last Samurai (R)

A 19th-century American military officer travels to Japan to teach the emperor's troops. As he learns more about the Samurai, he comes to appreciate their system of honor.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Stuck on You (PG-13)

Conjoined twins go to Hollywood and are cast on a television show starring Cher. She's bummed about being relegated to TV until the show becomes a hit.

Runaway Jury (10 p.m.)

Saturday

Elf (PG-13)

Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf, wreaks havoc in New York City while trying to find his place in the world and track down his father.

The Matrix Revolutions (R, 10 p.m.)

As the Machine Army wages devastation on Zion, its citizens amount an aggressive defense. Ultimately, it's up to Neo to harness the full extent of his powers to end the war.

Sunday

Stuck on You

Monday

Elf

Tuesday

Stuck on You

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Frankly, it's the history that makes it special ...

Rothenburg built on rich past

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

There are only a few medieval towns in Germany that are as rich in history as the Franconian town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Located some 420 meters above sea level and overlooking the Tauber river valley, this town's gates, towers and massive walls present a picturesque silhouette that never fails to impress its visitors.

Traces of the first settlement by Celts at 500 B.C. can be found on the opposite side of the valley, on the Engelsburg. Around 960 A.D., Detwang in the Tauber valley was founded.



Master Sgt. Sean Cobb

Wintertime visitors of Rothenburg ob der Tauber walk in shadows cast by the town's medieval buildings.

At the same time, a citadel was built on the hill above the river. In 1142, Conrad III, the first Hohenstaufen in the king's throne, constructed an imperial citadel.

The town that developed from the small borough was awarded its charter as a free Imperial City by Emperor Rudolph I in 1274. The town expanded during the next 150 years.

The first walled ring around the town dates from the 12th century. The outer town wall with its towers, gates and battlements date from the 14th century.

At that time the town was a city state with about 155 square miles of land, embracing 167 villages. In 1544 Rothenburg joined in the Reformation. In the Thirty Years War, it suffered at the hands of a successions of conquerors. The town never recovered and after that time it remained a city-state without economic and political importance. From the beginning to the end of its status as a free Imperial City, the town was governed by wealthy patrician families, many of whom belonged to the nobility.

In the course of the Napoleonic wars, Rothenburg was incorporated in Wuerttemberg. Its border location near the Bavarian-Wuerttemberg frontier, remote from busy trade routes, left Rothenburg completely unaffected by the architectural changes of the last century.

Most famous in Rothenburg is the councilors' Tavern with Meistertruck clock. The tavern was built about 1446. The clock was installed in the gable in 1683 and the Meistertrunk scene added in 1910. The scene shows when an ex-mayor drank nearly a gallon of wine at one time, saving the town from destruction. The clock is shown at various times daily.

The town's famous doll and toy museum, a 400 square meter exhibition hall, features porcelain as well as wax dolls from 1780 to 1940.

On Whitsunday, armed processions and camps present aspects of the Thirty Year War. The historical Shepherd's Dance is a treat for the ears and eyes during a historical festival in August-September. Other places of interest include the Reichstadt museum, the Medieval Criminal Museum and the Franconian Craftsman's House.

Although Rothenburg is full of history, it also offers everything that a modern city enjoys. Some popular leisure activities include flying, gliding, fishing, tennis, bowling, open-air or indoor swimming, biking, camping and more.



Out and About



(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

♦ The Baumholder Army Post Saturday Market indoor garage sale takes place Feb. 21 and March 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Rheinlander Ballroom of Smith Barracks. Sales include household items, children's items, clothes and more.

♦ The Masters of Shaolin Kung-Fu perform Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in Trier Europa Halle.

♦ A seminar discussing the theory of evolution and divine creation takes place March 29-30 at 6 p.m. in the Landstuhl stadthalle. The speaker is Dr. Kent Hovind. For more information, call Pastor Gib Wood at 06371-16148 or e-mail browoody@t-online.de.

♦ The show "Oldies Total" take the

stage March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Cologne Koelnarena Halle.

♦ Phantom of the Opera performs in the German language Feb. 12 in Trier Arena.

♦ Reserve tickets now for the Newcomer Jazz festival March 11 at the Trier Tuchfabrik.

♦ The German Landes Garden show opens April 22 in Trier.

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Call the 52nd Services Squadron Information, Tickets and Tours Office at 452-6567 to reserve tickets for the following tours.

♦ Dinner and wine tasting, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. Cost is \$45.

♦ Best of Belgium, Feb. 14-15, Valentine's Day weekend. Cost is to be determined.

♦ Paris for Valentine's Day weekend, Feb. 14-16. Cost is \$299 for adults, \$259 for children.

♦ Venice for Carnevale, Feb. 20-21. Cost is \$110.

♦ Strasbourg express, Feb. 21. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$40 for children.



File photo by Iris Reiff

A Belgian chocolate shop clerk prepares gift boxes of confections for which the country is best known. The 52nd Services Squadron Information, Tickets and Tours Office offers a trip to Belgium in mid-February. Call 452-6567 for details.

Sports Shorts

Intramural sports news

Spangdahlem AB intramural teams are made up of 52nd Fighter Wing members. Games and events take place at the base fitness center, unless specified otherwise. Call Mandy Baerman, 52nd Services Squadron sports director, at 452-6634 for more information.

♦ Volleyball season begins March 2. Due dates for Letters of Intent to participate on a team vary. Call unit sports representatives for details.

Basketball scores

Jan. 13: CMS vs. 606 ACS, 41-40; CES vs. EMS-A, 52-48; LRS vs. MDG, 45-34; SFS-A vs. COM, 2-forfeit
Over-30: LRS vs. CES, 43-37

Jan. 14: SFS-B vs. LRS-B, 39-38; 852 MUNSS vs. MOS, 49-19; GK vs. OSS, 61-47; GK vs. EMS-B, 60-53

Jan. 15: LRS vs. MDG, 45-42; SFS-A vs. COM, 55-50; EMS-A vs. AMXS, 2-0

Wrestling tournament

Nine Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe teams wrestle this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the base fitness center. The top team moves on to the Division II championships taking place in the base fitness center Feb. 7. Middle school teams will also compete in exhibition matches.

USAFE powerlifting

Volunteers are needed for the U.S. Air Forces Powerlifting Meet taking place Feb. 7 in the base fitness center. Positions include spotters, plate loaders, scorekeepers, and event set-up and clean-up people. Also, to compete, registration cost is \$15. Call Mandy Baerman at 452-6634 for more information or to register.

Wall climbing classes

Free belay certification classes take place each Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the base fitness center. Call 452-6496 for more information.

Volleyball officials classes



The USA Volleyball Officials Clinic Army-Europe takes place Tuesday through Feb. 1 in the base fitness center. Attendance is free. Clinic instruction includes proper ball handling, net play and centerline regulations, match interruptions, referee and judge duties, scorekeeping, official game products and a written examination. Call 452-6634 to register.

ODR trips and classes

Register for the following 52nd Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation trips and classes by visiting the center in Spangdahlem AB building 146. For more information, call 452-7176.

- ♦ Intro to SCUBA, Feb. 11. Cost is \$35.
- ♦ Black Forest ski trip, Feb 13-15. Cost is \$250 for a double room.
- ♦ Swiss ski trip, Feb. 27-29. Cost is \$265 for a dorm room, \$340 for a double room.

Family fitness hours

Both fitness centers are open for family members ages 9 and older Monday-Friday from 8-10 a.m., 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Certified staff members can help children get started on a customized fitness program. Call the center at 452-6634 for details.



Keeping fit

The 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Health and Wellness Center offers fitness and nutritional classes. Call 452-9355 for class schedules and to register.



Lady Barons Sophomore Monica Bintz, center in white uniform, runs the court to block passes or shots by Lady Spartan player No. 22 in Friday's varsity game. The ladies dominated the courts with a powerful offensive lead, ending the game 58-31.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Ladies win four against SHAPE, Barons take split with Spartans

Lady Barons action

The Lady Barons sported a strong defensive attack that destroyed the visiting Spartans this past weekend.

The junior ladies started the evening right with a 35-2 victory Friday. The varsity team followed the same game plan and won 58-31. Early Saturday morning, the hometown JV team showed no mercy as they rolled over the Spartans again, 43-5. Later in the day, the varsity ladies made it a four game sweep by dumping the Spartans 55-21.

The JV remains undefeated with six wins and zero losses. The varsity team has a five win and one loss record.

Varsity play

Friday night the Lady Barons stormed to a 17-10 first quarter. Nadia Parker led the team in the first half with 20 of her game-high 31 points. The team took advantage of its speed and height advantage against the Lady Spartans and scored easy shots inside. The Lady Barons led the half, 32-15.

The ladies outscored the Spartans 26-11 in the second half to go on to an easy victory. Carletta Hernandez added 10 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Erica Winters got the fast break moving and added five points. Forward Chelsea Gavagan hit for four points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Saturday, the varsity ladies continued their full-court pressing defense and switched into a triangle-and-two defense to cover two ace Spartan outside shooters. The strategy worked and the ladies led a 29-10 half-time lead. Melodie Duperval and Winters worked hard defending SHAPE's two star shooters from holding the ladies to just 10 and six points respectively. Duperval and Winters took the ball down the court quickly in the transition game. Parker's quick moves made easy scoring on the offensive end.

Hernandez hit 12 of her game high 22 points, pulled down eight rebounds and had four assists. Powerful play by Jazmine Winn, Alexandra Bintz, Monica Bintz, Rebecca Wepner and Daniya Nixon proved they were ready for more varsity games. Freshman Nicole Griep scored a long two point shot that hit the net at the buzzer.

JV play

The junior ladies led a full-court run and jump defense that kept the junior Spartans from taking the ball across the mid-court line. The Lady Barons defense held its opponents to just one basket Friday and only five points Saturday.

Sophomore guard Monica Bintz led the offensive attack for the two games with 19 points. She also pulled down four rebounds had two assists and took command of the offense. Winn and Alexandra Bintz each added 12 points and proved strong on the rebound. (Courtesy Coach Denny Lemmon, Bitburg High School basketball)

Barons action

The air was thick with excitement during Friday's game with less than 20 seconds remaining on the clock. Anthony Fornicola was fouled attempting a lay-up, which resulted in the senior sinking a free-throw that took the game into overtime.

From the first tip, the Barons played a tough zone defense, causing more than 25 Spartan turnovers. Leading the Barons was Juniors Trey Wilson and Jonas Jensen who canned 13 and



Nadia Parker sinks one of her game-high 31 points during the Barons varsity game Friday. Saturday, the All-European center added 16 points to the Lady Barons score and pulled down 10 rebounds.

11 points apiece. Jensen also scored three steals that led to a 10-2 lead in the third quarter. Senior captain Alyx Walks added 11 points and eight board. Fornicola grabbed 12 rebounds limiting the Spartans to one shot per offensive possession.

Barons varsity vs. Spartans, 51-49

Barons JV vs. Spartans, 36-27

High scorers: Nick Brown, 10 and Josh Collett, 8

Saturday the Spartans, defending Division II Champs, came back with a twenty point victory. The SHAPE team pressed the Barons and stopped the varsity team cold in the second quarter.

Fornicola led the Barons with 10 points and six rebounds. The Barons are 3-3 in Division II play. This matches last year's wins with eighth games remaining.

Spartans varsity vs. Barons, 57-37

Barons JV vs. Spartans, 34-24

High scorers: Brown, 14 and Collett, 8

(Courtesy Coach Lin Hairstone, BHS basketball)

Next up, the BHS Barons travel to Vilseck to take on a four game series against one of the top Division II teams. The Barons bring it home again Jan. 30-31 against Black Forest Academy in the Bitburg Middle School Fieldhouse.

